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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SC MTG ON MIDDLE EAST OCT 11

1. SC PRES MCINTYRE, IN ANSWER TO MY PHONE CALL, SAID HE HAD DECIDED TO CALL SC MTG AT 6:45 P.M. BECAUSE EL ZAYYAT HAD BEEN PRESSING HIM "VERY HARD" EVER SINCE LUNCH. EL ZAYYAT SAID HE HAD A "VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO DELIVER" FROM HIS GOVT TO THE SC. MCINTYRE SAID HE SUGGESTED MTG BE DELAYED UNTIL TOMORROW, BUT EL ZAYYAT SAID HE WLD "PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS" IN A SPEECH BEFORE THE GA, SAYING PUBLICLY HE WAS BEING FORCED TO SPEAK THERE BECAUSE MCINTYRE HAD REFUSED URGENT SC MTG HE HAD REQUESTED. EL ZAYYAT DECLINED TO GIVE MCINTYRE ANY CLUE WHAT "IMPORTANT MESSAGE" WAS. (EL ZAYYAT, WHO WAS ALREADY SCHEDULED AS GA SPEAKER THIS AFTERNOON, WENT AHEAD WITH SCHEDULED APPEARANCE ANYHOW. HE CONFINED HIMSELF TO BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVT ALLEGING THAT ISRAELI AIR RAIDS ON PORT SAID AND CAIRO HAVE NOW KILLED OR WOUNDED 500 PERSONS.)
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2. MCINTYRE, IN CIRCUMSTANCES, SAID HE FELT HE HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO GO AHEAD AND CONVENE SC MTG AT 6:45 P.M. THIS EVENING EVEN THOUGH HE KNOWS MANY DELEGATES WLD BE UPSET OVER TIMING OF MEETING. MCINTYRE CLEARLY

RANKLED AT WHAT HE CONSIDERS PRESSURE TACTICS BY EL ZAYYAT AND SAID EVEN THOUGH HE HAS CALLED MTG, HE WILL NOT "BREAK ANYONE'S LEG TO GET THEM IN THEIR SEATS AT THAT TIME."

3. MCINTYRE'S PLAN IS TO SEEK TO LIMIT SC MTG TO EL ZAYYAT COMMENTS AND ANTICIPATED RIGHT OF REPLY BY ISRAELIS. BUT HE SAID HE DOUBTS HE CAN HOLD OFF OTHER SPEAKERS WHO NOW WISH TO BE HEARD. HE SAID NIGERIA NOW HAS ASKED TO JOIN IN DEBATE AND HAS SPEECH READY. OTHER SPEAKERS READY TO JOIN DEBATE, HE SAID, ARE: KENYA, GUINEA, PERU AND PANAMA. PERUVIAN REP HAS VOLUNTEERED INFO TO ONE OF OUR EMBOFFS HE BELIEVES VOICE OF LATIN AMERICA HAS NOT YET BEEN HEARD ON ME SITUATION AND THAT FOR THIS REASON HE IS ANXIOUS TO SPEAK.
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